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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 25, 2003. That Office Action imposed a complex restriction requirement and election of species.

Election

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 65-85 at this time. The non-elected claims are NOT being cancelled.

Applicants hereby elect as an ultimate specie to initiate examination on polymer of claim 71 wherein R is -(CH-CH₂)- and D is pentamantane. Claims within the elected group which read upon this species include 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 78, 79, 80.